

## St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2024

### Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council # 13861 meeting was called to order by Grand Knight John Chandonnet at 6:58pm on Thursday, July 11, 2024. 16 knights were present.

### Decade of the Rosary

Chancellor Ron Robichaud led the council in a decade of the rosary to lead our country to a culture of life.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Knight John Chandonnet led the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Officer Roll Call

The officer roll call was taken and recorded by Recorder Jonathan Brock. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight, John Chandonnet:	Present
Deputy Grand Knight, Greg Cyr:	Present
Chancellor, Ron Robichaud:	Present
Chaplain, Fr. Bill Labbe:	Excused
Financial Secretary, John Greenlee:	Present
Recorder, Jonathan Brock:	Present
Warden, Aaron Downs:	Present
Treasurer, Matt Pettine:	Present
Advocate, Richard Caroti:	Present
Outside Guard, Rene Robichaud:	Absent
Inside Guard, Gerry Newport:	Present
Lecturer, Br. Jerome Lessard:	Excused
3rd Year Trustee, Jerry Nulton:	Excused
2nd Year Trustee, Terry Sylvanus:	Excused
1st Year Trustee, Ray Sargent:	Excused

### Reading of the Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Jim Sanger motioned to accept the June 2024 council meeting minutes as submitted. Greg Cyr seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The June 2024 minutes were accepted as presented.

### Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance:	7285.21
Disbursements:	
John Chandonnet - Reimburse	137.56
Fr. Bill Labbe - Gift	250.00

Terry Sylvanus - T-Shirts	306.68
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Receipts:	
Reimburse Ad	252.00
Dues	30.00
50/50 - Donate	18.00
Dues	120.00
Baby Bottles	79.11
Baby Bottles	1872.28
Ending Balance:	8741.30
Christmas Party:	267.88
Food Closet:	420.00
Baby Bottles:	1951.39
General Fund:	6102.03

### Financial Secretary's Report

149 Total Membership  
86 Associate Members  
55 Insured Members  
8 Inactive Members  
34 Honorary Life Members  
6 Disability Members

### Grand Knight's Report

Includes Recap of Officers' Zoom Meeting on Sunday, July 7th:

- **Attendance:** In attendance were five members (officers): Jonathan Brock, John Chandonnet, John Greenlee, Ray Sargent, and Terry Sylvanus.
- **June Recap:** June was a busy month. In June there was the installation of new officers, Waypoint telethon, baby bottle drive, concession stand work at the Mainers games, and Fr. Bill's jubilee.
- **Budget:** Ray Sargent sent the proposed budget (reviewed at St. Thomas Council July 11th meeting, details later in these minutes).
- **Sea Dogs Night:** The Maine State Knights of Columbus will have a gala at Hadlock Field in Portland on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a pregame parade around the field at 12 noon. During the National Anthem, the Maine State Fourth Degree Color Guard will be presenting the colors on the field. There are two ticket options to choose from. For \$35, you can indulge in a mouth-watering 2-hour buffet featuring ballpark favorites such as hotdogs, hamburgers, and BBQ pulled chicken, along with tasty sides like coleslaw and pasta salad. Top it off with Sea Dog biscuits and refreshing Coca-Cola products, all while enjoying the best seats in the house. For those who prefer a more traditional experience, opt for our Reserved Seating Bowl tickets are available for \$10. Deadline to purchase tickets is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

- **Special Olympics Fundraiser:** On August 17th there is a roadside fundraising effort at the Beach Olympics in Old Orchard Beach. This is to raise money for the Special Olympics. Romeo Zuniga and potentially Terry Sylvanus and Ray Sargent plan to work this event.
- **Shirts:** Terry Sylvanus brought more K of C shirts to the St. Thomas hall. They are available for sale (this saves on shipping cost).
- **Mainers Non-Profit Night:** July 24 is the non-profit night at the Sanford Mainers game. Terry can bring banners, table, and tent but needs more people to help work the event. Set up starts is at 4:30pm.
- **Recruiting:** If our council gets 2 more members by September we get 10% off our per capita quota.
- **State Calendar:** If we have events to publish, send them to Ray Sargent and he will put them on the K of C statewide calendar.
- **Acton Fair:** August 22-25, Greg Cyr is the contact and we are looking for volunteers to work the event. Greg will reach out again to Roseanne at the Acton Fair to see if we can work the event. Our council gets approximately \$14.00 per hour per person for our work.
- **Tootsie Roll Drive:** Need a date. Bob Demers was going to reserve a spot at a store like Shaws--maybe Saturday/Sunday in September? Maybe also at Mass at the Brothers and not St. Therese because of all the other fundraising going on there.
- **Baby Bottle Drive:** The Baby Bottle drive netted approximately \$2,200. This was a joint St. Thomas and Springvale Council joint effort. We'll split the proceeds between our councils. We'll have \$1,100 to hand over to the Alpha Pregnancy Center. ASAP will contribute another \$200 – a \$100 match for each \$500 donated.
- **St. Thomas Open House:** GK John emailed Principal Angela Madigan offering that our council serve hamburgers and hot dogs at the St. Thomas School Open House in August. We'll also encourage donations – which will go to the school. I have yet to receive a response; but if its okay with her, we'll round up volunteers at our August meeting.

#### **SURGE Service Hours to Date**

Grand Knight John Chandonnet reported the following service hours to date:

Faith Service Hours:	732
Family Service Hours:	760
Community Service Hours:	168
Life Service Hours:	104
Total Service Hours:	1,764

#### **SPEAKER: Peter Cusack**

St. Thomas Alumni and recent University of Maine graduate Peter Cusack spoke to the St. Thomas Council announcing his commitment to begin missionary work this year at the

University of Connecticut as part of the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) apostolate. You can find out more about the FOCUS mission and volunteer to support Peter at this website: <https://focus.org/missionaries/peter-cusack/>

### **New Business**

#### **Proposed Budget:**

FIA BUDGET 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025

RSVP	\$500
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS	\$300
ESSAY CONTEST	\$300
FAMILY OF THE MONTH	\$600
FOOD FOR FAMILIES	\$500
HADDOCK DINNERS	\$800 (SEED MONEY)
WALK FOR LIFE	\$150
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	\$500
CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR	
SRS KAREN AND ELIZABETH	\$100
ST THOMAS SCHOOL	\$1,000
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$2,000
 TOTAL DONATIONS	 \$6,750

Deputy Grand Knight Greg Cyr motioned that the proposed budget be accepted. Dennis Breton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The budget was accepted as presented.

**Fr. Bill:** Fr. Bill sent a thank you card to the St. Thomas Council for the jubilee gift.

**DAV Golf Tournament:** Inside Guard Gerry Newport stated that the local DAV (Disabled American Veterans) chapter is holding its 12th annual fundraiser golf tournament and is looking hole sponsorships and half or full page ad sponsorships. The tournament will take place on Friday, September 27th at 9:00 am at Dutch Elm Golf Course. Golf teams are \$500 to enter and individual golfers pay \$100 to enter. After play there will be a meal and silent auction.

Deputy Grand Knight Greg Cyr motioned to make a \$150 donation to the golf tournament and Advocate Richard Caroti seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was accepted as presented.

### **District Warden Remarks**

District Warden Jon DiCentes thanked all those who helped out at Fr. Bill's 25th jubilee. The Expense was \$258.58 per council or assembly that participated (five councils and assemblies). Leftovers were vacuum sealed and donated.

The Sunshine Trail will occur on July 19th and 20th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm both days. The Limerick 4th Degree Assembly will offer lobster roll meals.

### District Deputy Remarks

District Deputy Kevin LaFreniere noted that the state council newsletter has a lot of good information. FS John Greenlee has distributed to the St. Thomas Council via email.

Recruitment and retention: if a council hits 20% of their recruitment target by the end of September they receive a 10% quota reduction. Retention Chairman Dave Roy asked brother knights to call inactive members to participate in our events, even if only once per year. Also, it was proposed to reach out to non-member parishioners to help in our events so they may also be motivated to join after spending time with the Knights.

The District is looking for Tootsie Roll orders and the St. Thomas Council intends to purchase three cases for the upcoming drive.

### Knight of the Month

Jonathan Brock was selected as the Knight of the Month.

### 50/50 Drawing

Romeo Zuniga won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$17, which Romeo donated back to the council.

### Good of the Order

The following prayer petitions were presented:

Rick Southwick  
Dennis Breton  
Br. Jerome Lessard  
Sandy Barton (Gerry Newport's sister)  
Bob Demers

### Closing Prayers

Both the Father J. McGivney prayer and the Bill Sheehan prayer, which were recited by the council, were dedicated to the above prayer petitions.

### Next Council/Zoom Meeting

The next Officer's Zoom Meeting will be on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The next Council meeting will be on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan T. Brock, Recorder*